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Issue

Beginning December 4 the UN General Assembly is scheduled to consider an Indian/Ecuadorian proposal to amend the UN Charter to expand the Security Council from 15 Members to 21. In our view the expanded Council would be both less efficient [redacted] While such a proposal to amend the Charter can be adopted in the General Assembly by two-thirds of the UN General Assembly members, it must also be ratified by two-thirds of the UN Members including all five of the Permanent Members (China, France, USSR, UK and US) of the Security Council. [redacted] There is strong sentiment among the non-aligned, led by India, that they are underrepresented on the Security Council and other UN organs (e.g., ECOSOC).

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